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1801
Held with Mrs. Smith
28th Sunday
MINUTES.
1861

Pursuant to adjournment, the Canaan Baptist Association of Churches met this day, at this place.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by H. G. Smith, from Nehemiah 4th Chapter, 19th and 20th verses.

After a short recess for dinner, (the brethren brought dinner on the ground) the Messengers met in the Meeting-house (the former Moderator not present) and were called to order by James Grimes, and after solemn prayer, the Letters from the Churches were presented and read, and the names of the Messengers were thus recorded:

Salem—David Glenn.

Canaan—James Grimes.

Ruhamah—J. McDonald, W. H. Wood.

Sulphur Springs,—(Jeff.)—Reuben Robertson, Wm. Batson.

Sardis—William Hamaker.

Cedar Grove—J. H. Oliver.

Bethel—T. H. Chenault.

Cahaba—S. T. Vann, Thos. Franklin, J. Carlyle.

Big Creek—David Franklin.

Friendship—James Beck, N. Shelton.

Mud Creek—J. Hammond, C. Howtan, M. J. Parsons.

Pleasant Grove—O. Crane, Wm. Parsons.

Hebron—W. P. Herring.

Central—John Heigner.

Mount Zion—A. M. McLendon, A. W. Brooks.

Friendship—L. B. Crow, J. George, Jas. Newton.

Rock Creek—H. G. Smith, A. M. Waldrop, A. G. Waldrop.

Good Hope—John Kirkpatrick.

Harmony—E. Isbell.

Shady Grove—W. T. Rogers, G. Shaults.

Union—R. D. Rockett.

Prude's Creek—E. Mitchel, W. Burchfield.

The Association next, by ballot, proceeded to elect a Moderator and Recording and Corresponding Secretary, which resulted in the election of James Grimes, Moderator, A. G. Waldrop Recording, and W. H. Wood, Corresponding Secretary.

Read Rules of Decorum.

Invited visiting Ministers to seats.

An opportunity was then offered to newly constituted Churches to present their Letters.

Appointed H. G. Smith, G. T. Hulsey, S. T. Vann, with the Moderator and Clerk, on arrangement of business.

On Finance—John McDonald, W. H. Wood. W. H. Wood, continued Treasurer,

After prayer, adjourned to 9 o'clock, Monday morning.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:—*From the Tuscaloosa Association*; J. H. Lowrey, with Letter and Minutes.

From the Shelby Association—Bro. Marony being present, received as Corresponding Messenger.

CORRESPONDENCE RETURNED:—*To Shelby*; Grimes, Rogers and McDonald.

Coosa River—W. H. Wood, J. McDonald, T. Chenault, A. J. Waldrop.

Tuscaloosa—H. G. Smith, E. Mitchell and N. Skelton.

North River—H. G. Smith, N. B. Hulsey, and J. M. Newton.

Ten Island—L. B. Crow, J. George, J. M. Newton, and C. W. Crow.

To E. A. Convention—T. Chenault, N. Skelton, J. Beck, B. Shoults, J. Byers, W. T. Rogers, A. G. Waldrop, N. B. Hulsey, A. J. Waldrop and J. Carlyle.

Committee on Arrangements reported; report concurred in, and Committee discharged.

Committee on Temperance reported; report read, received and adopted. See Appendix (A.)

Owing to a general failure of the several Committees to report, none were appointed to report next year.

Discontinued District Meetings.

Appointed the next meeting of this body to be held with the Mount Zion Church, St. Clair County, commencing on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, 1862—A. J. Waldrop, to preach the Introductory Sermon, Bro. Hulsey, alternate; A. J. Waldrop to preach the Missionary Sermon, Bro. Thomason, alternate; J. Byers to write Circular Letter on the subject of Communion.

Friendship Church petitioned for a letter of dismissal—granted.

Committee on Finance made their report, which was received and adopted. See Appendix (B.)

The next meeting of the E. A. Convention will be held with the Ruhama Church, Jefferson County, commencing on Saturday before the third Sabbath in July, 1862.

One member from each Church was appointed to consider on the propriety of locating the Meetings of this body:

Cahaba—J. Carlyle; Hebron—W. Herring; Mt. Zion—R. Blythe; Big Creek—David Franklin; Canaan—J. Massey; Goodhope—D. Cannon; New Bethel—G. T. Hulsey; Prude's Creek—W. Burchfield; Roop's Valley—D. Davis; Sardis—McLain; Shady Grove—Kimble; Sulphur Spring—R. Robertson; Sulphur Spring (Walker)—James Davis; Union—R. Rockett; Cedar Grove—H. B. Moore; Harmony—Leach; Ruhamah—W. H. Wood; Bethel—T. Chenault; Friendship—L. B. Crow; Salem—D. Glenn.

Those of the First District to meet with Cahaba Church, on Saturday, before the first Sabbath in July, 1862; and Second District to meet at Union Church, on Saturday before the first Sabbath in July, 1862; and report to the next Association.

Appointed A. J. Waldrop and A. G. Waldrop, distributing Agents.

Ordered, that the Treasurer pay over all moneys in his hands, according to the donors of said funds.

Appointed one member from each Church to solicit and receive funds for Missionary purposes, with instructions to report to the E. A. Convention. The following brethren were appointed:

Salem—D. Glenn; Canaan—J. Dickey; Ruhama—J. McDonald; Sulphur Springs (Jeff.)—T. F. Waldrop; Sardis—J. L. Meggs; Cedar

Grove—J. H. Oliver; Roop's Valley—M. Mayes; Bethel—T. Chenault; Cahaba—S. T. Wann; Big Creek—D. Franklin; Mud Creek—J. Hammond; New Bethel—G. T. Hulsey; Pleasant Grove—O. Crane; Hebron—W. P. Herring; Central—J. Heifner; Mt. Zion—L. W. Herring; Friendship—J. George; Rock Creek—A. G. Waldrop; Goodhope—Kirkpatrick; Harmony—E. Isbel; Shady Grove—T. Kimbrel; Union—R. D. Rockett; Prude's Creek—W. Borchfield.

Ordered, that the Clerk superintend the printing of the Minutes—that he have as many copies printed as the funds will justify—that he reserve 100 copies for correspondence, and that he be allowed \$10 for his services.

Ordered, that Letters of Correspondence be attached to these Minutes.

Resolved, That as the condition of our country is such, that it calls for the sincere prayers of all christians—therefore, we recommend, and earnestly request, that each Church in the Canaan Association, hold a prayer-meeting, at least once a week, for our country, and soldiers of the Confederate States of America.

By request of Canaan Church, the following is placed on the Minutes :

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst, our worthy Brother, Elder J. H. Baker, God, for wise and noble purposes, has taken him away—

Resolved, That we cheerfully join in this tribute of respect to the memory of one, whose noble qualities and generous feelings, have endeared him to us.

Resolved, That while we deeply mourn the loss of Bro. Baker, we bow with submission to the will of God, and seek to imitate his meek and gentle carriage—his high sense of propriety and honor—his devotion to his duties, and his worthy christian conduct.

Resolved, That this Association turn thanks to the Brethren and Sisters of Mud Creek Church, and neighborhood, for their kind hospitality to the brethren during the Association. Our prayer is, that the good Lord may abundantly bless them, both in temporal and spiritual good.

Having gone through with the business, a hymn was sung, and prayer offered by Bro. Smith, when the Association adjourned.

JAMES GRIMES, Moderator.

A. G. WALDROP, Clerk.

SABBATH—a very wet day, consequently no Missionary Sermon was preached. No collection taken up for Missionary purposes. The delegates raised \$10.75 in the house.

The Canaan Association to those with whom she corresponds :

DEAR BRETHREN:—The close of the present Associational year brings with it, among other things, the pleasant duty of a continuance of correspondence with you. To our Messengers and Minutes, please refer for any particulars, in reference to us as a body. We are very desirous that nothing should interrupt Christian intercourse with you, and we also crave your prayers that God may speed us in our benevolent designs.

(APPENDIX A.)

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, beg leave to report, that the use of ardent spirits has a strong claim upon our efforts for the good of man. It tends to general immorality and vice.—The greater part of cursing and swearing in our country, is owing doubtless, directly, or indirectly, to the use of ardent spirits; and as a general thing, it is the cause of the quarrelling, fighting, and killing that is so

much to be lamented amongst us. Many serious lawsuits spring from it. Men are left in poverty. Women are left to weep, and children mourn, over it. Yea more, they are left to grow up in ignorance and left to imbibe all of those evil habits that are so common among men. Moreover, many good women have been beaten and driven from home by a drunken man (I did not say a husband.)

How often is it that families are left in the greatest poverty—men taking the hard earnings of their wives and children to buy liquor with, leaving the poor wife and children without even bread to eat.

Brethren, these are stubborn facts, and what can we do to check them? We all have influence—let us therefore use this influence first in our own families, then in the Church and neighborhood in which we live; not only to keep our children and brethren from getting drunk, but not to use it at all. We also call on our fellow-citizens to lend us their aid by example and persuasive arguments in checking this growing evil, especially among the young.

Dear Sisters and Ladies, you too, have an influence, and you can perhaps do more than any others, in checking this evil of which you may be the sufferers. By persuasive argument you can do much; but by a determined resolution not to associate with any young man that will indulge in drinking liquor as a beverage; as you would disdain the idea of having a drunken husband, so show them that you have too much respect for yourselves to keep the company of those that carelessly throw themselves away; for it is said, that “no drunkard shall enter the kingdom of heaven,” but they are on the broad road that leads to destruction.

Respectfully submitted.

(APPENDIX B.)

W. H. Wood, Treasurer of the Canaan Association,		Dr.	Cr.
To cash on hand at close of last Association,	\$61	25	
“ “ for Indian Missions,	28	75	
Money unappropriated,	09	55	
For Minutes, 1861,	34	25	
For Associational purposes,	16	40	
For E. A. Convention,	6	75	
			\$157 25
By cash paid E. A. Convention, for Dom. Missions,			\$61 25
“ Indian Missions,			28 75
“ H. G. Smith, for correspondence,			08 00
“ A. J. Waldrop,			04 00
“ James Grimes,			04 50
“ Paid Clerk for printing Minutes & services,			34 25
			\$140 75
Remaining in the Treasury,			\$16,50
All of which is respectfully submitted,			
W. H. WOOD, Treasurer.			

Received of A. G. Waldrop, Clerk, \$21.25 for printing Minutes of the Canaan Association, for the year 1861.

JOHN F. WARREN.

